

MEMBERS PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Kathy Briseno	Alan Dietrich	David Elder	Maureen Haugh-Stover
Edgar Hernandez	Debra Kinsey	Merlin Lehman	Dee Ann Ryan
Randy Staton	Brooke Whitted		

Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Bob Bloom	Beatriz Diaz-Pollack	Erin Ipjian	Lanée Walls
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Evon Robinzine	Julie Stremlau	Kathy Ryg	Gary Seelbach
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STAFF PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Lynn Lowder	Mindy Miller	Linda Prewitt	John Schornagel
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Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Robert Watts

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dietrich reviewed the Mission of the Authority and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Members and staff in attendance introduced themselves and Chairperson Dietrich welcomed Ms. Erin Ipjian, representing the Office of Attorney general and Mr. Randy Staton representing DHS/DORS, to their first meeting of the Authority.

II. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2009 MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: *Debra Kinsey moved and Kathy Briseno seconded that the minutes of December 10, 2009 Authority meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.*

III. STAFF REPORT

Director Schornagel referenced the following informational handouts:

- **2nd Quarter Staff Activity Report**
- Governor's Office press release. "**Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission**" Appointments"
- Announcement from the Bazillion Center for Mental Health Law regarding The **Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Act of 2008**.
- Recent recommendations from the **Cross Agency Coordination Task Force**
- **Copy of HR 1117** creating the Cross Agency Coordination Task Force
- **HB 5688** responds to several of the HR 1117 Task Force recommendations. Coordinates ISBE, DCFS and DHS age transition ages to 22 years old and seeks coordinated transition planning and service provision.
- **DJJ Models For Change "Systems Reform Initiative"**

Director Schornagel referenced several handouts included in the Board packet: a Governor's Office Press Release appointing the Human Services Commission and a proposed work plan. He noted that Authority members Dee Ann Ryan and Kathy Ryg are included on the Commission. Ms Ryan informed the Authority that several CRSA members have already contacted her outlining topics or services issues that might be of interest to the Commission and she encouraged other Authority members to suggest possible topics of interest as well.

Director Schornagel announced that CRSA has several new agency designees on the Authority and again welcomed Erin Ipjian the Director Designee of OAG and Randy Staton, replacing Marjorie Olson, the former primary Designee from DHS/DORS, who has represented DORS on the Authority since 1994 or 15 & ½ years. Director Schornagel also announced that Jan Dunas, who has participated on CRSA as an Alternate from DHS/DORS since 2008 and is retiring from the state this month. He thanked them for their participation wishing both of them well.

Director Schornagel informed the Authority that CRSA staff have entered into discussions in recent months with DJJ staff, other state agencies and LANs around the state, to discuss a DJJ Protocol through which children in the Illinois Youth Corrections facilities can re-enter their communities, better connected to their schools and local service agencies. DJJ is currently piloting a re-entry program with the Chicago Public Schools, and discussions are under way to utilize LANs, statewide as a infra-structure through which to proactively reconnect DJJ kids upon their discharge from IYC facilities. He thanked Dr. Walls and her IYC facility staff for their willingness to participate in discussions and for their openness.

Director Schornagel notified the Board that 2010 Ethics Training for Board members and staff will soon be underway and that he will be sending board members Ethics Training materials for 2010, pertaining to Appointees to Illinois Boards and Commissions.

Director Schornagel commented that the terms of the 5 current gubernatorial appointees on the Authority will expire in 6 months and that current members are actively expressing interest in being reappointed as Governor's Appointees. He added that the CRSA Bylaws arrange the opportunity for appointees to remain on the Authority until successors are appointed.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS

DCFS: Edgar Hernandez referenced a conversation that occurred in Executive Committee regarding current CRSA caseload trends, specifically children who are frequently hospitalized in psychiatric hospitals and children exhibiting overtly suicidal behaviors, well above traditional norms. He commented that DCFS has observed that hospitalization rates vary between upstate and downstate Illinois based upon local barriers and resource availability and that children are being hospitalized at a younger age downstate. Director Schornagel commented that he wonders why these children do not present to the state service system for coordinated service planning, prior to CRSA becoming involved? He noted that there are already existing data-bases and state supported programs through which recurrently hospitalized children could easily be identified for coordinated service planning at the local level: SASS, Mental Health Centers, Local Educational Agencies, LANs, etc.

DHS/DDD: Maureen Haugh-Stover reported that her agency is developing crisis response support teams to intervene earlier when individuals present with complex clinical needs and in crisis situations.

DHS/DORS: Randy Staton commented that Congress is looking at potential changes that might impact vocational rehabilitation services: taking rehabilitation services out of the Department of Education and moving it under the Department of Labor.

ISBE: Beatriz Diaz-Pollack commented in follow up to an a previous discussion about House Joint Resolution 24 Task Force that is looking at proposed changes to special education funding. She commented that public meetings will be held and the ISBE will be in a facilitating role. No dates have been announced yet for the public meetings.

HFS: Debra Kinsey noted that Healthcare and Family Services had recently issued an RFP for an integrated care program for the counties of Lake, Kane, DuPage, Will, Kankakee, and suburban Cook County for individuals with disabilities age 19 and over. She encouraged interested members to review more detailed information about procurement opportunities at the www.purchase.state.il.us webpage.

DHS/DMH: Alan Dietrich announced that Dr. Seth Harkins has announced his retirement as the Director of the ICG program effective February 28th, 2010. At this time, there is no further information available about who might take over leadership of the ICG program on March 1.

DJJ: Lanée Walls commented briefly that the LAN Partnership has created new opportunities for better systems integration between the IYC-system and communities. Director Schornagel commented that he is still talking to DOC people about how Title IV-E

funds might be utilized in Illinois to support service to children transitioning from IYC facilities back to their home communities.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CRSA FY 11 Spending Plan Update

Director Schornagel informed the Authority that during the FY 11 budget development cycle, inadvertent miscommunications within the ISBE led to the ISBE board adopting an FY 11 CRSA Appropriation figure on behalf of the CRSA board that was different than the amount adopted by the CRSA Board. As such, the FY 11 appropriation request adopted by the CRSA Board is mistakenly listed in ISBE's budget at the FY 09 and FY 10 funding level. Director Schornagel added that he met with ISBE senior officials to explore remedies but has been informed by ISBE administration that the figure adopted by the ISBE board for CRSA's FY 11 appropriation has been submitted to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget as well as to the Illinois legislature. Beatriz Diaz-Pollack confirmed that the CRSA's appropriation listing in ISBE's FY 11 budget was due to an internal miscommunication. Director Schornagel further reported that communication procedures between CRSA and ISBE staff have been put into place precluding the possibility that such an error could occur again. During ensuing discussion, members discussed language that could be used if CRSA elected to communicate in writing with the legislature and the Governor's office directly, referencing the error and asking for the full amount requested by the Authority to be considered. The Authority accepted the explanation offered by ISBE managers, acknowledged that a budget contingency is already in place for CRSA to operate during at FY 10 funding levels and that CRSA and ISBE should institute procedures to assure that sure such a budgeting error does not occur again in the future.

As a related issue the Executive Committee indicated its concern about an e-mail response from an ISBE Manager which interprets the CRSA statute in such a way that permits the ISBE to change the CRSA appropriation figure in ISBE budgets without the explicit consent of the CRSA Board.

MOTION: *Robert Bloom moved and Brooke Whitted seconded that Director Schornagel meet with ISBE Superintendent Chris Koch to discuss the CRSA statute and to reaffirm CRSA's budgeting autonomy from the ISBE. The motion carried with Beatriz Diaz-Pollack and Maureen Haugh-Stover abstaining.*

B. Other

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CRSA FY 09 Annual Report

David Elder, Chairperson of the CRSA Annual Report Committee reported that Authority members were recently sent a draft of the CRSA FY 09 Annual Report for review and comment. The Committee recommended that the Authority grant the Committee permission to publish the FY 09 Annual Report following a short period for non-substantive input for other Authority members. He added that the Committee is considering substantive changes in the Annual Report format that would commence with the FY 10 Annual Report. He also commented that the Annual Report Committee is currently composed of four members and would welcome new volunteers to serve on the Committee.

Debra Kinsey expressed concerns regarding wording in the annual report pertaining to Medicaid programs. Director Schornagel agreed to work on suggested language revisions with Ms. Kinsey and other members to satisfy those concerns.

MOTION: *David Elder moved and Robert Bloom seconded that that the Authority authorize staff to incorporate editorial changes to the CRSA FY 09 Annual Report and publish the report. The Motion carried unanimously.*

B. FY 11 Meeting Schedule

The Authority reviewed the proposed FY 11 meeting schedule for full board meetings during odd numbered months as well as the proposed off-month schedule for Ad Hoc Committees and emergency sessions of the full board. Director Schornagel noted several date corrections suggested by the Executive Committee. David Elder, on behalf of the Executive Committee reinforced that board members should reserve the off-month CRSA dates in their calendars for CRSA related work in case emergency action is needed by the board with the caveat that Director Schornagel will notify members of such board meetings as far in advance as possible.

MOTION: *Kathy Briseno moved and Merlin Lehman seconded that the Authority adopt the proposed FY 11 meeting schedules. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Other

Robert Bloom expressed concern about how RtI policy might inhibit children getting accommodations on SAT and ACT tests.

Brooke Whitted commented that he and other board members are developing an updated CRSA promotional document that could be used on the CRSA Website and in other agency reports. He welcomes comments and contribution from other board members.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

Chairperson Dietrich reported that all Executive Committee discussion items have been covered under other parts of the agenda.

B. Special Funds Committee

David Elder, Co-chairperson of the CRSA Special Funds Committee reported that the Committee met recently and discussed several issues. The Authority has written a letter of interest in support of the Corporate Charter proposal suggested in December and is awaiting a response for a potential corporate donor. Also, Director Schornagel has recently learned that the CRSA Multiple Agency Resource Pool (MARF) still exists within DHS but at a reduced amount. The Committee has requested that Director Schornagel correspond with DHS Secretary Saddler, requesting that the amount earmarked for the MARF be maintained at a \$40,000.00 minimum. In the interim, Mr. Elder reported that the Committee continues to consider alternatives to the Title XX-based-MARF.

C. Staff Evaluation Committee

Alan Dietrich reported to the Executive Committee that the Staff Evaluation Committee has completed its Performance Appraisal of the Executive Director and that members of the Committee have met with the Executive Director to discuss the appraisal. He added that the Staff Evaluation Committee has suggested that the Policy Committee review and streamline existing Staff Evaluation policies, procedures and documents prior to the next Executive Director Appraisal.

D. Policy Committee

Kathy Briseno, Co-Chairperson of the Policy Committee reported that the Committee met recently and began a review of existing Staff Evaluation policies, procedures and documents.

VIII. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dee Ann Ryan commented that the public comment period has begun for the intended re-write of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM IV) currently scheduled to be published in 2013. She encouraged Authority members to review diagnostic change and to respond within the public response period.

Director Schornagel commented that 2010 Legislative Season has begun and that CRSA staff will begin tracking pieces of state legislation that are pertinent to CRSA populations and issues. He encouraged members to contact him if there are any pieces of legislation that they would like for CRSA staff and board to follow.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Brooke Whitted moved and Kathy Briseno seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*